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Previous References
Geol 2-24-(1-6)
" 11-24-(1-3)
Geol. 18-21 (1-11)

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Part B for June 1929

SUBJECT

Proposal to retransfer the work connected with the administration of the Petroleum Regulation from the Director of Ir to the Department of Geology and Mines.

~~Proposal not sanctioned~~

2, No. D. 13189 of 12-6-29
to the chief dispr. of mines
states that Govt. do not consider
Pc 24-6-29 it necessary to alter the present
arrangement as regards the
Petroleum administration

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1	From the Chf: Inspr of Mines no. 1961 dy 16.4.29 states that it is necessary to strengthen the Inspectorate of the depts. by two more Mines & requests that the work of administration of the Petroleum Regns & Rules may be relegated to his depts. as is prevailing elsewhere.
Z	The work of inspection & licensing of petroleum & petroleum installations was entrusted to the Inspector of Explosives prior to the abolition of the Separate Explosives Branch & and after ~~its abolition~~ it ceased to exist under G.O. dated 27-6-1922, the entire work relating to Explosives, Mines & Petroleum devolved on ~~was allocated~~ to the Chief Insp of Mines & Explosives.
Q	2) In his letter no. 92 dy 14-7-24 (Geol. 11-24-1) the Chf: Inspr of Mines (Mr. Bracquet) said that to saddle the department with the additional work connected with the admn of the Petroleum Regns without ~~has~~ adequate recognition is not fair, and in another letter no. 236 dy 5-8-24 - Geol. 11-24-3) the requests
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Govt. to excuse him from carrying out the said work until the question of extra remuneration is favourably considered.

3) The question of transferring the work connected with the Petroleum Rules had to be considered by Govt. on receipt of another reference from Mr. Bocquet (dated 26.8.1924) wherein he states that he would take up the work, if Govt. pay him an additional sum of Rs. 500/- to Rs. 600/- a month, accordingly it was considered in Council and ordered to transfer it to the Dir. of Ind. accordingly (No. I.C. 5210-76/Geol. 2-24-G dt. 30.1.25) the chief reason being that the Chief Inspr. has no district officers under him.

4) After the work was transferred to the Dir. of Ind, there is much increase under fees collected from the licensees for the possession of Petroleum, as noted below

1923-24 (under the Control of the Chief Inspr.) Rs. 93/-
1924-25 (do + Dir. of Ind) " 448/-
1926-26 (do of the Dir. of Ind) " 3226/-

* P. 1 of 97 to 120 in Geol 2-24) marked in pencil

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1926-27 Rs. 2,547/-

1927-28 2,174/-

From the above figures it will be observed that there is a slight fall in Revenue in 1927-28 as compared with 1926-7 & 1925-26, which is mainly due to the fact that during 1926-26 consumption prior to which period the control of the Chief Inspr of Mines (Now the Director of Ind.) was vested in

5) In para 1 of p.u.d. lec (Cle: Inspr) says that in England, and in Br. India the work connected with the Petroleum Regn is vested in the Explosives Depts. under the control of the Cle: Inspr & that the same procedure may be received in Burma also.

6) From that the admn of the Petroleum Regn is being run by the Dir. of Ind (with the assistance of his District officers, etc) on a satisfactory condition without any extra cost to Govt. - whether a change in the existing procedure is really necessary on the grounds adduced by the Cle: Inspr is for orders.

7) Tho' "Petroleum" is akin to "an explosives" it does not

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come under "authorised Explosives" and as such there may not be any material disadvantage if two different ~~opinions~~ results deal with ~~same~~ questions relating to the two Rules (Explosives & Petroleum), and no special technical qualifications are essential (vide para 38 of notes - Genl. 2-24 - page 30).

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8) the question of additional staff required to carry out a regular & systematic inspection of explosives premises & magazines ref'd. to in para 4 of P.W.D. is being separately ~~dealt with~~ dealt with.

~~for~~ submd for orders.

26/4/29. 27/4/29

10) There seems to be no reason to alter the existing system

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11) I agree

Cer 17.5.29

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1st Member

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12) I agree

Cer 20/5

Mem 22.5.29

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	13) may the papers be recorded 14) for orders 28/5/29 15) Put up def. reply to the Ch. Insp of Mines Can 29.5.29
	16) Draft filed. 28/5/29 Issue. Can 10.6.29
2	To The Chief Inspector of Mines No D 131 Dg dated 12/6/29 Stating that Govt do not consider it necessary to alter the existing system at present

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND EXPLOSIVES.

Telegraphic address;—
"MINESPECTOR."

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES IN MYSORE.

18 APR. 1929
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

No. 1961
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Dated Oorgaum, 16th April 1929.
(S. India.)

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FROM

R. BOCQUET, ESQUIRE, J. P.,
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES IN MYSORE.

Geol 100-28-1

To

N. Rama Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Departments,
B A N G A L O R E.

Geol 39-27-11
DNo 6572

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.1463 dated 7th February 1929 re: the transference of the work of administration of the Mysore Petroleum Regulation and Rules thereunder from the Department of Industries and Commerce to this Department, I have the honour to state that both in England and in British India this work is vested in the Explosives Department, the technical provisions of both the Explosives and Petroleum Rules being similar and therefore administered by the same agency. Such was also the intention of Government when the Department of Mines and Geology was divided into two separate departments, viz: (1) the Geological Department and (2) the Department of Mines and Explosives by Government Order No. G.7041-7100/Geol. 69-18-11 dated 18-9-1919. On page 4, this Government Order reads that the Inspector of Explosives "will also deal with the inspection and licensing of petroleum and petrol installations."

2) In 1919, no law had been enacted to control and regulate the importation, possession and transport of petroleum and other substances in the State. In fact, it was not until January 1923 that such a Regulation came into force in Mysore. In the meantime, the Explosives Branch of this Department, which had all along been urging the necessity for promulgating the Petroleum Regulation in the State, was abolished as a measure of retrenchment and the work of inspection of explosives magazines, &c., was entrusted to the Chief

Inspector

Inspector of Mines and his subordinates - vide Government Order No.I.C.6306-66/Geol. 88-21-1 dated 27-6-1922. Early in the year 1923 (May), Government ordered that a set of rules under Section 8 of the Mysore Petroleum Regulation be drafted by this Department. This work was undertaken and, before the close of that year, a set of rules based on those obtaining in the Madras Presidency and the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore, with necessary modifications to suit local conditions, was framed and submitted to Government.. These rules were approved and published in the Official Gazette dated 29-11-27 for general information.

3) In the initial stages, the work of licensing the petroleum installations in the State was carried on by this Department during the calendar years 1923 and 1924. As it began to grow in volume, it became practically impossible to cope with this additional work with the staff at the disposal of this Department which fact was intimated to Government. As the Government were not then prepared to incur additional expenditure on this account, the work of administration of the Petroleum Regulation was turned over to the Department of Industries and Commerce - vide Government Order No. I.C.5210-76/Geol. 2-24-4 dated 30-1-1925.

4) Government have called for proposals for the entertainment of additional staff to carry out a regular and systematic inspection of explosives magazines and premises by this Department - vide letter No. D.6385/Geol. 118-26-28 dated 19-12-27 from the Secretary to Government, Development Departments - and the work of inspection of petroleum installations could be, with advantage, combined with the above. In this connection, it would be necessary to strengthen the Inspectorate of this Department by two more officers .

5) I therefore request that Government may be pleased to

entrust the work of administration of the Petroleum Regulation and Rules to this Department in common with the practice prevailing elsewhere. Detailed proposals in the matter will be submitted after orders of Government are passed in the matter of the proposed transference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. Bocquet.

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES

IN MYSORE.

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To The Chief Inspr. of Mines

Date of issue 12/6/29

Sir

Signed by W. C. S. Narasha

With reference to your letter No. 1961 & 16 4/29 requesting orders in the matter of ~~the~~ the withdrawal of the work connected with the admn. of the Petroleum Regns. from the Dir. of Ind. to ~~the Chief Inspr. of mines~~ your dept. I am directed to state that Govt. do not consider it necessary at present to alter the existing system

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Clk 10/6/29

Examined by.....

for Secy. to Govt.

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